



Parklands Weekly News 10/09/2026

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! At the end of last week pupils in Year 4 celebrated Carnival day and the whole year group was a riot of colour, fun and excited learning! Year 5 pupils began their Groovy Greek Quest with a fantastic Greek day, they threw themselves into the day and really enjoyed the introduction to their first topic of the year.

Our Brain Best topic for this week is being comfortable, we talked about what makes us feel comfortable and decided our new active uniform really helps!

Tomorrow is our first Fitness Friday of the year and we have lots of activities planned, I am looking forward to seeing our wonderful pupils join in with their customary enthusiasm and seeing them continue to build on their teamwork skills.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

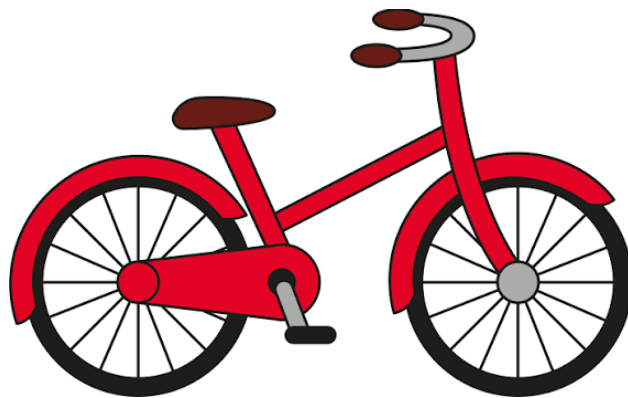
Kind Regards,
Charlotte Angeli
Headteacher

Lost Bike

If your child left their bike in the front of school racks over the summer, it has been safely moved to a shed in the playground.

To collect the bike, please ask a member of staff on the gate to help you access the shed.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Year 6 - Secondary School Application

Is your child currently in Year 6? It is officially time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2027.

The application process is managed by [West Sussex County Council](#), and the **strict national deadline for submissions is Saturday, 31 October 2026.**

Please do not miss this date. Late applications are only processed *after* all the on-time ones have been allocated. This drastically reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school—even if you live nearby, are in the catchment area, or have an older child already attending.

Next Steps for Parents:

- Research & Visit: Read through the guide on [West Sussex Secondary School Places](#) to understand your options, and remember to check for local school open evenings.

- Rank Three Preferences: The council strongly encourages families to name three schools on their application in order of preference, including your catchment school, to maximize your chances of a local spot.
- Apply Online: Create an account and submit your form through the [West Sussex Parent Portal](#).

Need help? If you do not have internet access or need assistance with the form, you can visit any local West Sussex library for support. Alternatively, you can contact the West Sussex Pupil Admissions Team directly on 03330 142 903.



Meet the Teacher - Garden Party

This year, we will be combining our Meet the Teacher event with our annual Welcome Back Garden Party, organised by our wonderful PTA.

When: **Tuesday 22nd September**

Time: **from 3:15pm- 5pm**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn about the curriculum for the year ahead and ask any questions you may have.

Teachers will be giving presentations in their classrooms at 3:30pm and 4pm.

Join us for hotdogs, refreshing drinks, and a chance to grab some bargains at our Nearly New Uniform sale

Order drinks and food now through our PTA events website. Order now at www.pta-events.co.uk/parklands

Pre bookings close on Sunday 20th Sept to give our volunteers time to prepare.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Meet the New Inclusion Team

You are invited to 'Meet the Inclusion Team' coffee mornings, providing an informal opportunity for you to meet our new Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion and SENCo. These sessions are a chance to put a name to a face, make initial contact and ensure you know who to speak to should you need support in the future.

- Tuesday 22nd September - SSC Stay and Learn Session
- Monday 28th September - Year 1 and Year 2 Parents, 9:00am in the Studio
- Tuesday 29th September - Year 3 and Year 4 Parents, 9:00am in the Studio
- Wednesday 30th September - Year 5 and Year 6 Parents, 9:00am in the Studio



Parent Workshop - Positive Communications

This workshop focuses on the different ways we communicate with our children, including verbal and nonverbal styles, as well as the role of play in communication and its importance. We will explore what we say, how we say it, and the value of truly listening to our children. The session will also consider how communication may be affected when children feel overwhelmed.

This will be held on Friday 16th October at 9am.

To book a space please email:

flo@parklands.school or office@parklands.school



Young Voices - Limited Additional Places

We are delighted to be able to offer a limited number of additional places for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in the Young Voices concert at The O2 in London on Friday 22nd January.

Young Voices is always a fantastic experience, giving the children the opportunity to perform as part of a huge choir alongside thousands of other young singers.

The cost of the trip is £40, which can be paid in installment if this is helpful.

If your child is in Years 4–6 and would like to take part, please email the school office by Monday 14th September to request a place. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Rehearsals take place in school every Monday beginning September 14th.

We would love to give a few more children the opportunity to be part of this very special experience!



Drop and Go

To help ease congestion at the start of the day, **children in Years 3 to 6** may be dropped off from **8:30am** using our Drop and Go arrangement.

Children will be supervised by Parklands staff on the playground until 8:40 where they can head straight into school to begin their day.

We encourage families to make use of this option where possible, as it helps improve traffic flow and ensures a calmer, safer start to the morning.



School Lunches

Our new school lunches have got off to a positive start, and many children have been telling us how much they are enjoying the meals on offer. The food has looked fantastic and it has been great to see so many children trying new dishes.

As with any new system, there have been a few teething problems. We are working closely with the catering company to address these quickly and appreciate your patience and understanding as we make improvements.

For more information please follow the link to FEED website: [Home | FEED West Sussex](#)

or contact them on the following:

feed@uk.issworld.com

Helpline Number: 01243 306314 (Open Monday – Friday from 8am – 4:30pm)



Outdoor Learning

Dear Parklands Community,

This year we will be working hard to create an exciting Outdoor Learning environment in our school forest. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at creating some new areas for children to explore during their outdoor learning.

On Wednesday 9th, 16th and 23rd September, Mrs Sweeney will be on the playground in the morning and afternoon at drop off and collection to take any donations.

We are working hard to keep the outdoor learning environment as plastic free as possible. Please see the list below, we will be incredibly grateful for any donations:

- Metal or wooden mixing bowls

- Wooden or metal cooking utensils
- Metal watering cans/jugs
- Wooden chopping boards
- Wooden A-frame chalk board
- Mini chalk boards
- White sheets (preferably clean/unused and not elasticated)
- Glass jars
- Paintbrushes
- Wooden or metal pots and pans
- Pestle and mortar
- Metal Sieves

Many thanks for all your continued support,

Mrs Sweeney



Dates for Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning will take place on **Wednesdays** in the **forest area** and run by Mrs Sweeney.

Each year group will attend two groups of sessions designed to expose them to various weather conditions and natural outdoor habitats.

Please see following dates by year groups:

EYFS

First sessions - 27th Jan, 3rd Feb, 10th Feb

Second sessions - 9th June, 16th June ,23rd June

Year 1

First sessions - 30th September, 7th Oct, 14th Oct

Second sessions - 30th June, 14th July, Friday 16th July

Year 2

First sessions - 21st Oct, 4th Nov, 11th Nov

Second sessions - 14th April, 28th April

Year 3

First sessions - 2nd Dec, 9th Dec

Second sessions - 24th Feb, 3rd March, 10th March

Year 4

First sessions - 18th Nov, 25th Nov

Second sessions - Tuesday 16th March, 24th March

Year 5

First sessions - 9th Sept, 16th Sept, 23rd Sept

Second sessions - 5th May, 12th May

Year 6

First sessions - 6th Jan, 13th Jan, 20th Jan

Second sessions - 19th May, 26th May

Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing next term.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.

They will start at **2:45pm**

Year 4

- Maple Class – 24th September
- Mulberry Class - 1st October

Year 5

- Pear Class – 5th November
- Poplar Class – 12th November

Year 6

- Willow Class – 19th November
- Wisteria Class - 20th November
- Walnut Class - 26th November

Year 3

- Hawthorn Class - 28 January
- Hazel Class - 4th February

Year 2

- Chestnut Class - 11th March
- Cedar Class - 25th February

Year 1

- Beech Class - 29th April
- Birch Class - 6th May

We look forward to seeing you there.



Meet and Chat with our Family Liaison Officer

Our FLO would like to invite you to a 'meet and chat' morning on the following days:

- 25th September

- 23rd October
- 27th November

These will be at 8:50am to 9:20am.

Come along and meet Karen Coles, have an informal chat with her and other parents.

Karen will be holding a separate **New Reception parent/carers coffee morning** on **Monday 14th September, 8:50am to 9am.**

We look forward to welcoming you!



You are invited...PTA Meeting

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and everyone is invited!

The AGM is when we report on the previous year's work and elect the new committee members. Committee members may be re-elected or be joining for the first time. We are looking to grow and energise the PTA – we need you!

When: **Sunday 27th September 2026 at 8pm**

Location: **Harbour Hotel Chichester**, 57 North Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1NH

We look forward to seeing you there.

The PTA Team.



Road Safety Reminder

Road Safety Reminder:

We would like to inform you that a near miss was witnessed on the pedestrian crossing outside the school this week.

While this incident has been reported to the police, we urgently ask for your support to keep our children safe. Please speak with your children and remind them of these essential road safety rules:

- **Wait for a complete stop.** Children must check that vehicles in all lanes have come to a total standstill before stepping onto the crossing.
- **Stay alert.** Remind them to keep looking and listening both ways while crossing, in case a driver fails to see them or tries to overtake a stopped vehicle.
- **Avoid distractions.** Encourage them to put away phones and take out headphones while crossing the road.

How you can help:

If you witness any dangerous driving or safety concerns on the roads around our school, please report them directly to the police via [Sussex Police Operation Crackdown](#).

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe.



Fidget Toys and Personal Items

Please **do not** send personal toys, games, fidget items or collectables into school.

Whilst we understand that some children enjoy these items, they can become a distraction during learning and may cause upset if they are lost, damaged or shared inappropriately.

Where children require a fidget for their sensory needs, the class teacher will provide a suitable resource.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment.



Uniform Reminder

The children have returned looking incredibly smart, active and ready for learning. Thank you for your support with our uniform expectations. As a reminder:

- No hotpant/cycling style shorts
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Earrings should be limited to small stud earrings only.
- Hoop earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school.
- Smart watches are not permitted.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, practical and consistent approach across the school.



Other Notices

St Wilfrid's Car Park

Please remember that this is the Church property and they can close the car park at any time due to private functions.

Can we remind all members of the school community parking there to be **respectful** towards everyone and to vacate the spaces as soon as possible at each end of the school day.

Lego donation

If you have any Lego you would be able to donate to Lego Builders Club please could you drop it to the office for Miss Standing's attention

Please can we ask that adults **do not enter** the school building at the beginning or the end of the school day.

If you need your child needs to use a toilet or retrieve something from inside school please ask at the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

We aim to be a **Allergy Aware School**.

Please remember that the children should not have any food items that contain nuts in their packed lunches.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please can we ask you **not to park on the grass** areas in Durnford Close. Local residents have contacted the school to complain about vehicles parking inconsiderately.

Parking in the Surrounding Streets

We have been approached by residents in Cedar Drive to ask if parents can avoid leaving their engines idling when they are collecting or dropping their children at school.

Please do not park in the West Sussex Parking bays, these are for our organised transport only.

Thank you in advance for your support.



[Attendance Award](#)

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 94.12%

Beech: 94.29%

Birch: 94.33%

Cedar: 93.00%

Chestnut: 91.00%

Hawthorn: 96.43%

Hazel: 92.59%

Maple: 97.60%

Orchard: 84.00%



I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Next Week



Week Commencing 14th September

Monday

New reception parents meet FLO

Year 5 - All Rise Workshop

Brass Lesson

Young Voices afterschool club begins until 4:15pm.

Tuesday

Karate Lessons

Wednesday

Official Pond Opening!

Woodwind Lesson

Year 5 - Outdoor learning

Thursday

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

GrubClub

Piano Lesson

Dates for Your Diary



Please follow the link to our **whole school calendar** page on our **school website**:

[Parklands Community Primary School - Calendar](#)

Term Dates 2026 - 2027



Autumn term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September – INSET day school closed for pupils

Wednesday 2nd September – children return to school

Friday 23rd October – children break up for half term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November – children return to school

Friday 18th December – children break up for the holidays

Monday 21st December – Friday 1 st January 2027 – school holidays



Spring term 2027

Monday 4th January – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 5th January – children return to school

Friday 12th February – children break up for half term

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February – half term

Monday 22nd February – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 23rd February – children return to school

Thursday 25th March – children break up for the holidays

Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April – school holidays



Summer term 2027

Monday 12th April – INSET day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 13th April – children return to school

Friday 28th May – children break up for half term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – half term

Monday 7th June – children return to school

Wednesday 21st July – children break up for the holidays



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